

Multi-agency Permit (MAP) Teams

Information Sheet

Introduction

A Multi-agency Permitting (MAP) team is one approach to providing efficient and customer focused regulatory assistance to businesses, agencies, and organizations pursuing projects in Washington State. The Governor called for more MAP teams in her December 2009 Executive Order on Natural Resources Reform ([EO 09-07](#)), and in March 2010, the legislature passed [Senate Bill 6578](#), which directs the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) to:

- Promote MAP teams.
- Explore cost reimbursement so teams can be at least partly self-supporting.
- Focus initially on projects in the Puget Sound region.

MAP teams are developed to support projects with complex environmental and land use permitting in the following ways:

- Initiate early, pre-application review of project approaches.
- Improve government agency permit coordination.
- Reduce the number of revisions for permit applications and review turnaround time.
- Facilitate changes to improve long-term environmental outcomes from federal, state, and local permitting processes.

MAP Team Models & Customers

ORA is using a number of different MAP team models, depending on customer needs.

- **Large Project MAP Team.** This MAP team assists in the planning and permitting of large-scale projects. The team remains involved for the length of the project. Customers include private companies or public organizations taking on large, ambitious and complex projects.
- **Issue Specific MAP Team.** This team addresses projects involving a specific issue, such as flood levees, shellfish beds, salmon recovery, anaerobic digestion, or green shorelines. Customers include local governments, environmental organizations, large and small businesses, and home owners.
- **Industry Specific MAP Team.** This team is formed for projects that fall within an industry sector. Customers include Port Authorities, green building developers, and federal agencies.
- **Regional MAP Team.** This team is convened for a region to address various types of projects, issues, or industries that encounter permit challenges in that region. Customers include government, private, or non-profit organization within the region.

Agency Partners

The agencies that participate on MAP teams include Washington Departments of Ecology, Fish and Wildlife, and Natural Resources. In addition, the State invites federal and local government agencies to join MAP teams depending on the details of specific projects.